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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: USEC ROBINSON VISIT

REF: AMMAN 1051 AMMAN 1050

1. PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSED WITH ME FORMAT AND ATTENDANCE MEETING ON JORDAN ECONOMY PLANNED FOR NOON, FEBRUARY 14 AT AQABA PORT AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ROOM.

2. PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, DR. HANNAH ODEH, PRESIDENT NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; SAID NABULSI, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK; AND FARHI OBAID, DIRECTOR BUREAU OF THE BUDGET WILL ALL ATTEND. WE ENVISAGE US ATTENDANCE WILL BE UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND ROBERT HROMATS, AMBASSADOR, AID DIRECTOR FREDERICK SIMMONS, AND MY DCM, ROSCOE SUDDARTH, WHO WILL ALSO BE NOTETAKER FOR MEMCON. WE HAVE NOT AGREED ON A SET AGENDA, HAVING PRESENTED THE MEETING AS A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS AND PRESENTATIONS BY JORDANIANS ON THEIR ECONOMY, ITS DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE. IN MANY WAYS MEETING WILL PARALLEL ON THEIR SIDE RECENT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. ON OUR SIDE, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO BE FREE TO PURSUE ANY QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS FROM YOUR VANTAGE ISSUES WHICH MAY COME UP. JORDANIANS REALIZE THE MEETING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, NOR

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ARE YOU IN JORDAN TO HELP RESOLVE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.

3. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL. BRIEFING BOOKS
HAVE BEEN PREAPRED AND DURING THE SHORT PERIOD BETWEEN ARRIVAL
AND THE MEETING, I HOPE TO HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
SOME OF THE ISSUES WHICH THE JORDANIANS WILL ADDRESS AND BRING YOU
UP TO DATE ON ANY LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF YOUR VISIT WILL FOLLOW IN A
SEPARATE CABLE.
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